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Dr. Howard Gordon
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Dear Howard,

With this letter we are appointing you to succeed Professor William Willis as the Project Manager of the U.S. ATLAS Detector Construction Project. The intention, assuming the concurrence of the U.S. ATLAS funding agencies, is for you to serve in this role until the completion of the Project. We asked Professor Melvin Shochet, the chair of the U.S. ATLAS Institutional Board, for the concurrence of the U.S. ATLAS Collaboration; he reported unanimous support for this appointment from all the members of the Board whom he was able to reach.

In addition to this position, you will retain your position as the Deputy Research Program Manager for the U.S. ATLAS Collaboration. You'll work with Professor Michael Tuts, the U.S. ATLAS Research Program Manager, in both capacities. In your new role you will report within BNL line management to the Associate Laboratory Director for High Energy and Nuclear Physics, as did your predecessor.

It is clear to us, as well as to many members of the U.S. ATLAS Collaboration with who we've spoken, that the outstanding success of the U.S. ATLAS Detector Construction Project to date is in very large measure due to your efforts. Therefore, we are fully confident that with this appointment the completion of the Project will be in the best possible hands.

Sincerely,

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Samuel Aronson
Associate Laboratory Director
High Energy and Nuclear Physics

Concurrence:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John R. O'Fallon", with a large, stylized "J" and "O".

John R. O'Fallon,
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John W. Lightbody", with a stylized "J" and "L".

John W. Lightbody
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